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AND IT'S GOING FAST!!
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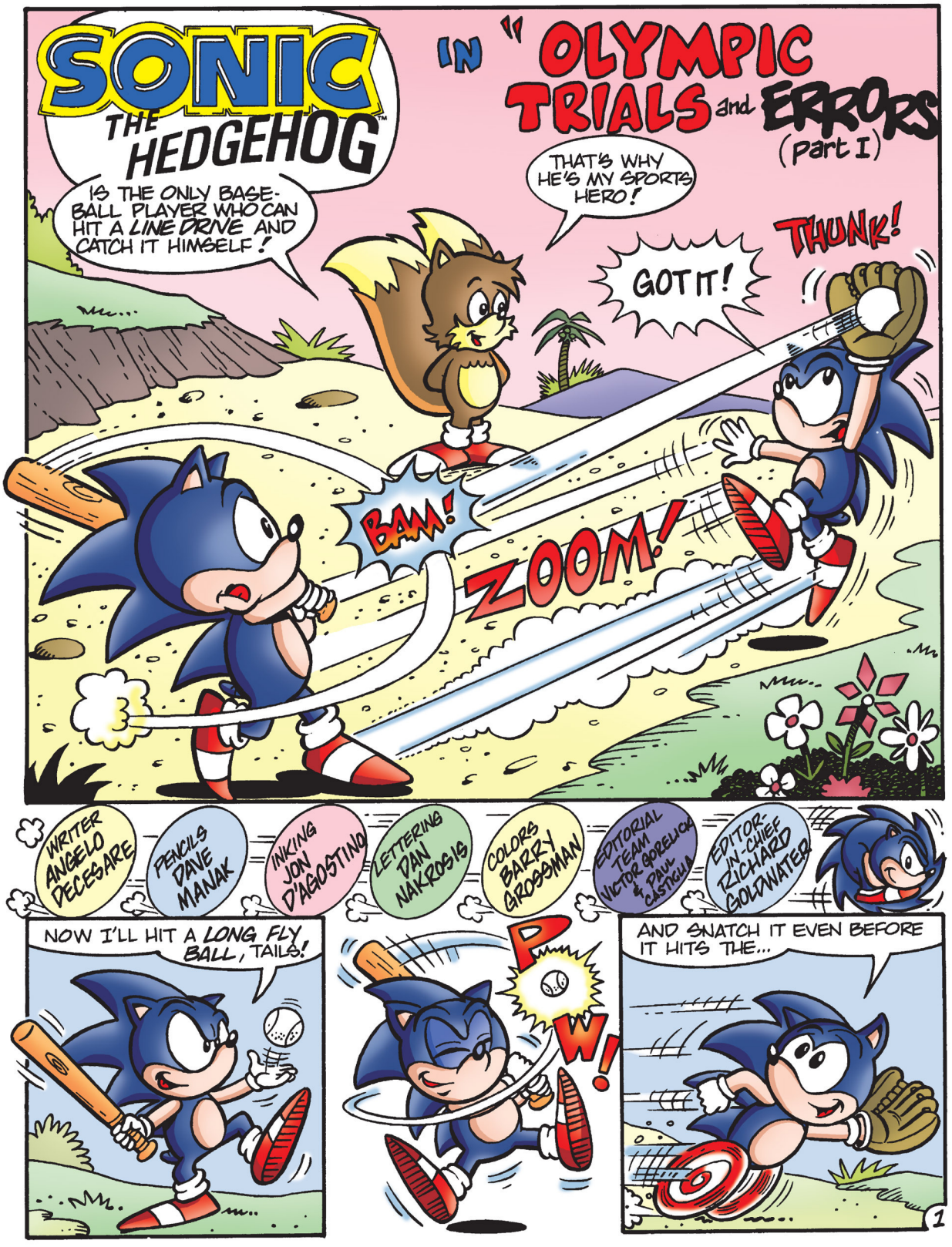
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS (Part I)
IS THE ONLY BASE-BALL PLAYER WHO CAN HIT A LINE DRIVE AND CATCH IT HIMSELF!
THAT'S WHY HE'S MY SPORTS HERO!
GOT IT!
THUNK!
BAM!
ZOOM!
WRITER ANGELO DECESARE
PENCILS DAVE MANAK
INKING JON D'AGOSTINO
LETTERING DAN NAKROSIS
COLORS BARRY GROSSMAN
EDITORIAL TEAM VICTOR GORELICK & PAUL CASTIGLIA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF RICHARD GOLDWATER
NOW I'LL HIT A LONG FLY BALL, TAILS!
POW!
AND SNATCH IT EVEN BEFORE IT HITS THE...
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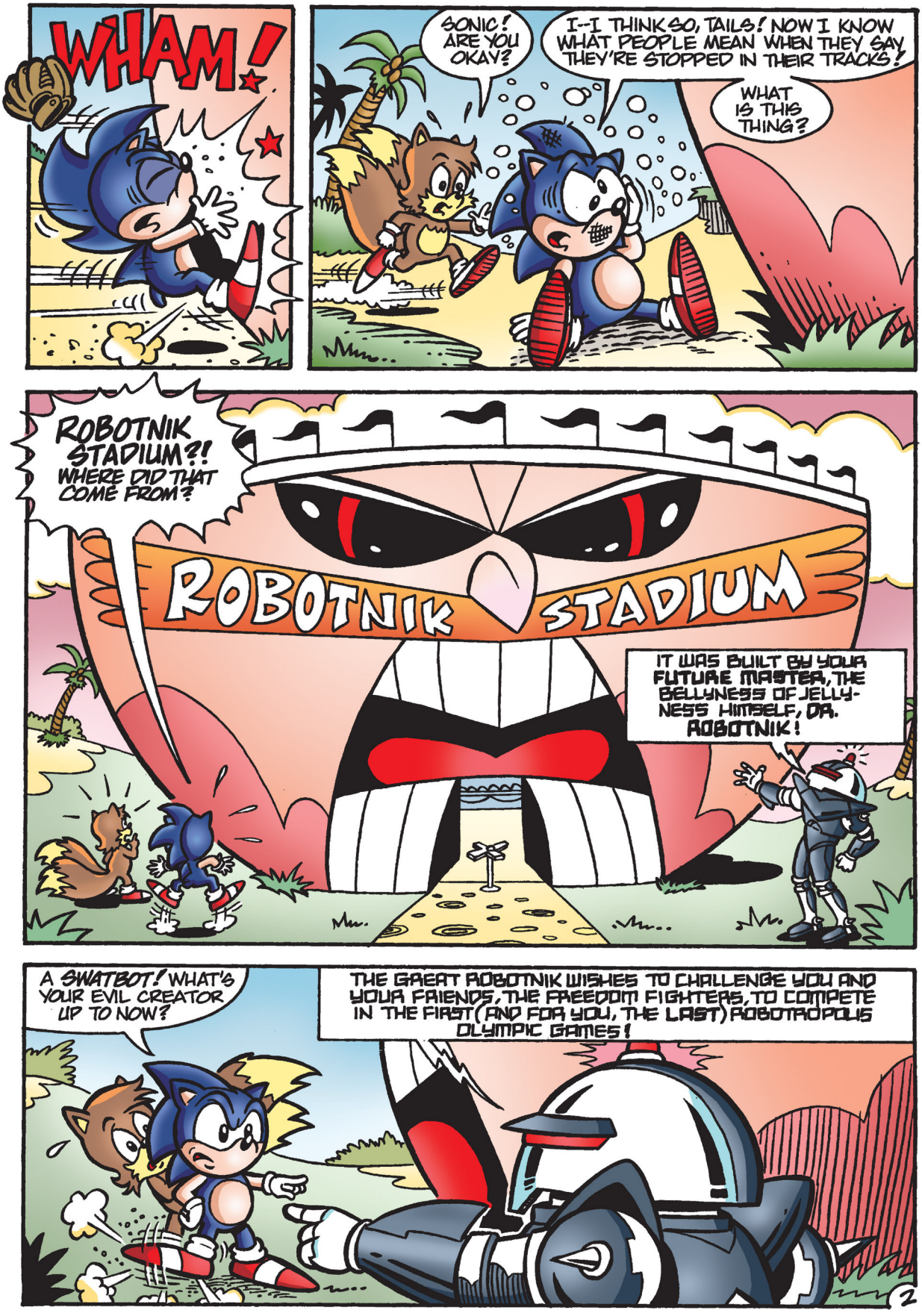
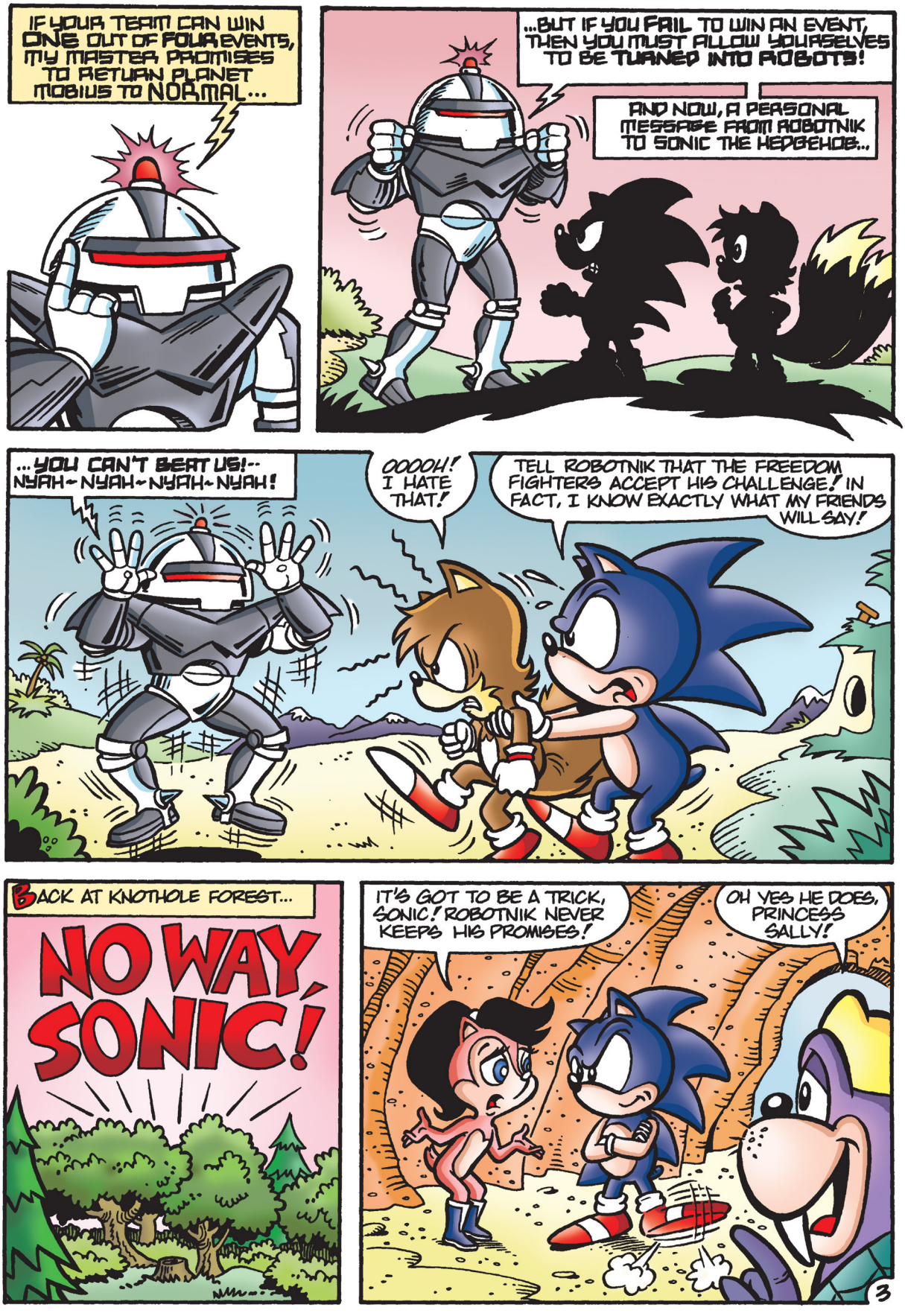
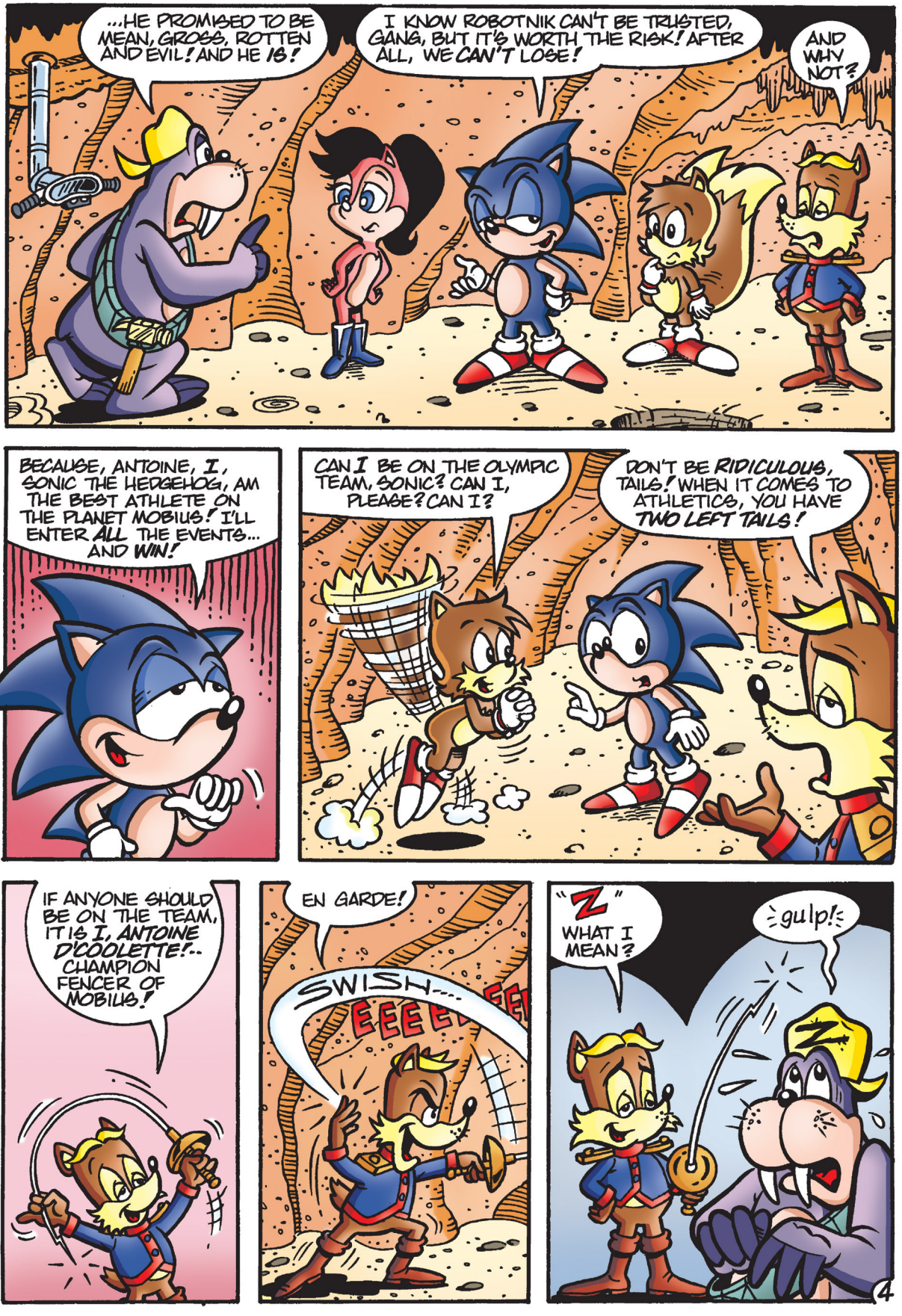

WHAM!
SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?
I--I THINK SO, TAILS! NOW I KNOW WHAT PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THEY'RE STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS!
WHAT IS THIS THING?
ROBOTNIK STADIUM?! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
ROBOTNIK STADIUM
IT WAS BUILT BY YOUR FUTURE MASTER, THE BELLYNESS OF JELLYNESS HIMSELF, DR. ROBOTNIK!
A SWATBOT! WHAT'S YOUR EVIL CREATOR UP TO NOW?
THE GREAT ROBOTNIK WISHES TO CHALLENGE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, TO COMPETE IN THE FIRST (AND FOR YOU, THE LAST) ROBOTROPOLIS OLYMPIC GAMES!


IF YOUR TEAM CAN WIN ONE OUT OF FOUR EVENTS, MY MASTER PROMISES TO RETURN PLANET MOBIUS TO NORMAL...
...BUT IF YOU FAIL TO WIN AN EVENT, THEN YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE TURNED INTO ROBOTS!
AND NOW, A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ROBOTNIK TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
...YOU CAN'T BEAT US!-- NYAH~NYAH~NYAH~NYAH!
OOOOH! I HATE THAT!
TELL ROBOTNIK THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE! IN FACT, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MY FRIENDS WILL SAY!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE FOREST...
NO WAY, SONIC!
IT'S GOT TO BE A TRICK, SONIC! ROBOTNIK NEVER KEEPS HIS PROMISES!
OH YES HE DOES, PRINCESS SALLY!


...HE PROMISED TO BE MEAN, GROSS, ROTTEN AND EVIL! AND HE IS!
I KNOW ROBOTNIK CAN'T BE TRUSTED, GANG, BUT IT'S WORTH THE RISK! AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T LOSE!
AND WHY NOT?
BECAUSE, ANTOINE, I, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AM THE BEST ATHLETE ON THE PLANET MOBIUS! I'LL ENTER ALL THE EVENTS... AND WIN!
CAN I BE ON THE OLYMPIC TEAM, SONIC? CAN I, PLEASE? CAN I?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, TAILS! WHEN IT COMES TO ATHLETICS, YOU HAVE TWO LEFT TAILS!
IF ANYONE SHOULD BE ON THE TEAM, IT IS I, ANTOINE D'COOLETTE!.. CHAMPION FENCER OF MOBIUS!
EN GARDE!
SWISH...
EEEEE
"Z" WHAT I MEAN?
gulp!
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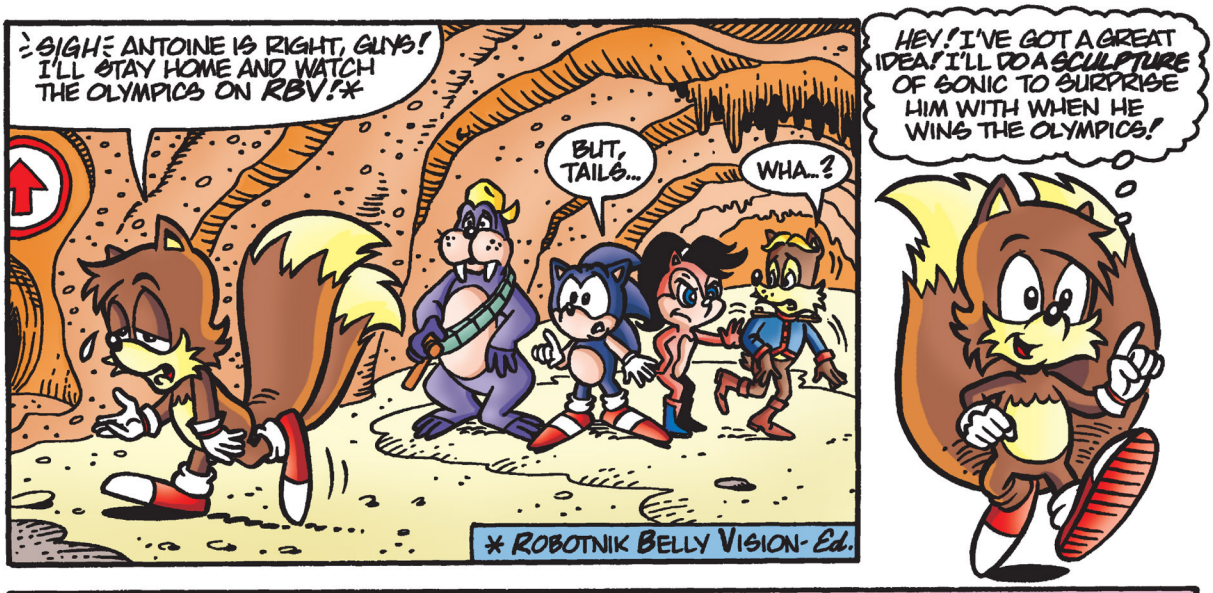
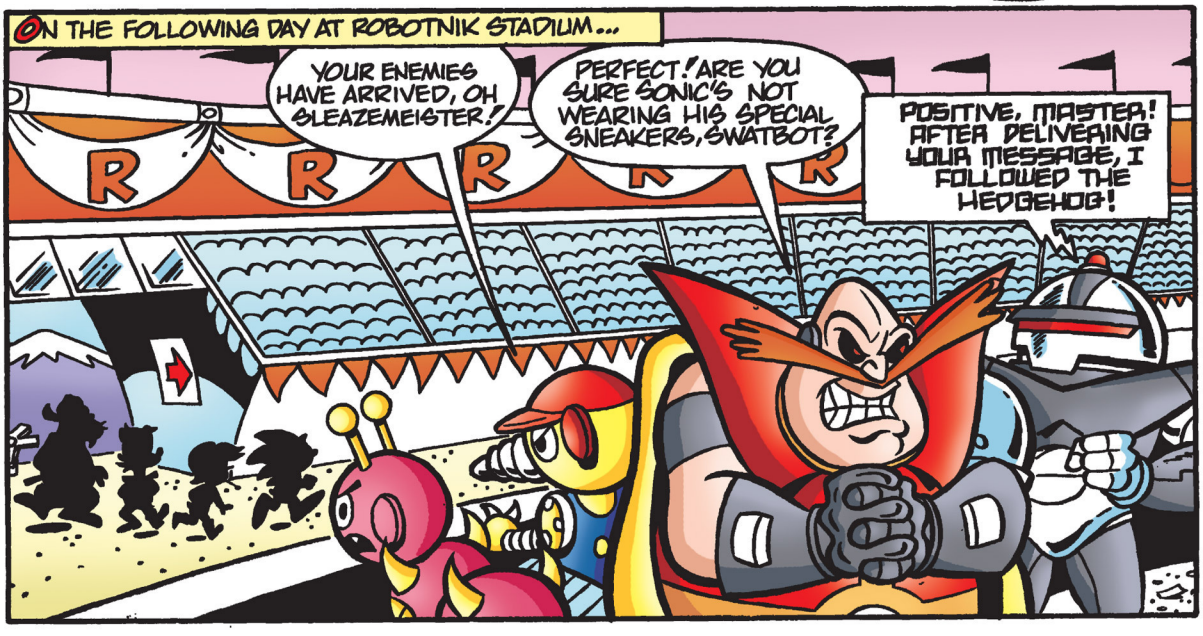
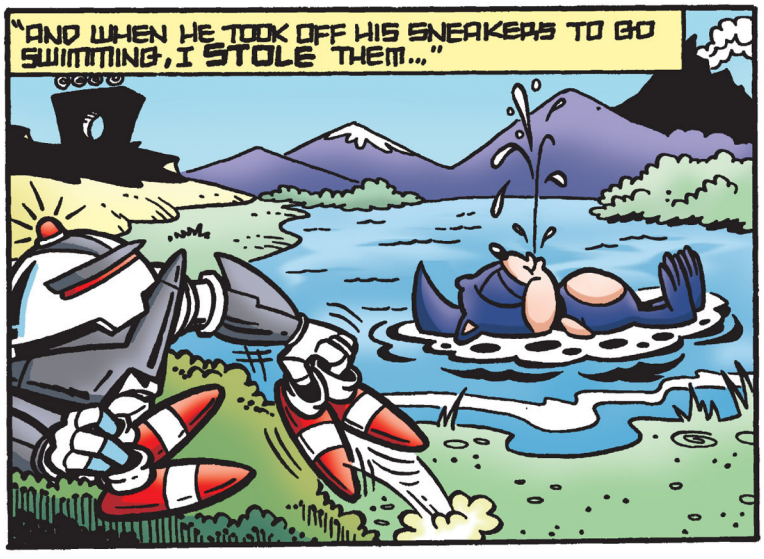
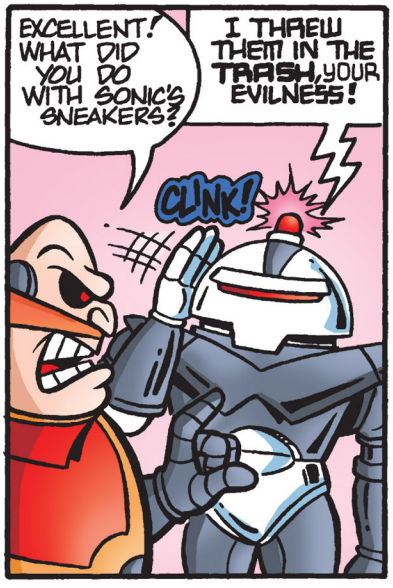

:SIGH: ANTOINE IS RIGHT, GUYS! I'LL STAY HOME AND WATCH THE OLYMPICS ON RBV!*
BUT, TAILS...
WHA...?
* ROBOTNIK BELLY VISION- Ed.
HEY! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! I'LL DO A SCULPTURE OF SONIC TO SURPRISE HIM WITH WHEN HE WINS THE OLYMPICS!


ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT ROBOTNIK STADIUM...
YOUR ENEMIES HAVE ARRIVED, OH SLEAZEMEISTER!
PERFECT! ARE YOU SURE SONIC'S NOT WEARING HIS SPECIAL SNEAKERS, SWATBOT?
POSITIVE, MASTER! AFTER DELIVERING YOUR MESSAGE, I FOLLOWED THE HEDGEHOG!

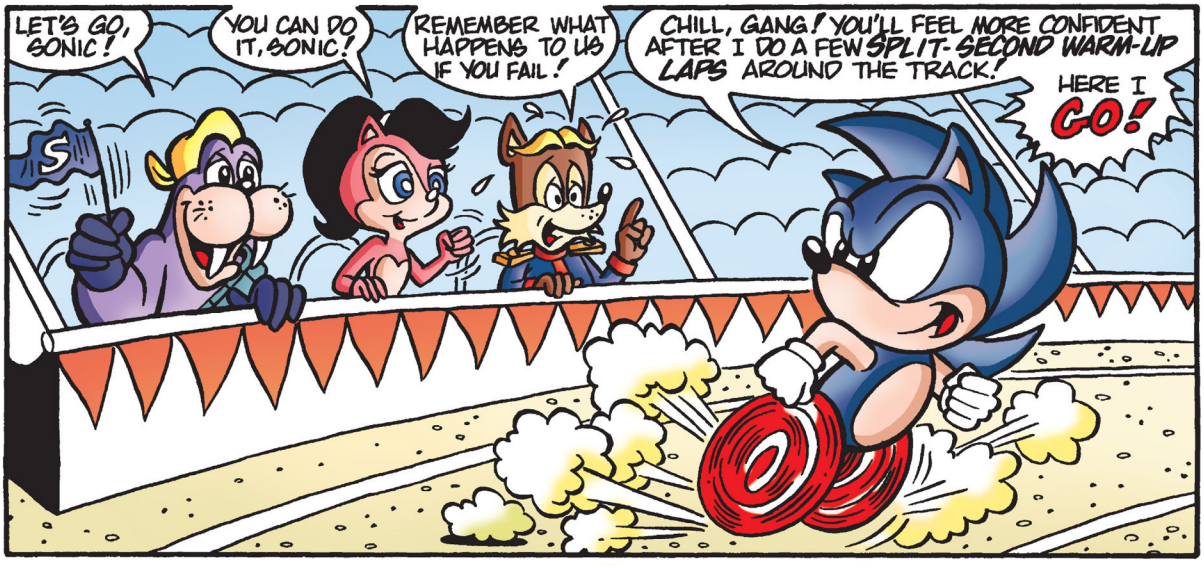

"AND WHEN HE TOOK OFF HIS SNEAKERS TO GO SWIMMING, I STOLE THEM..."

"...AND REPLACED THEM WITH THE SPECIAL LOOK-ALIKE, ENERGY-DRAINING SNEAKERS THAT YOU INVENTED!"

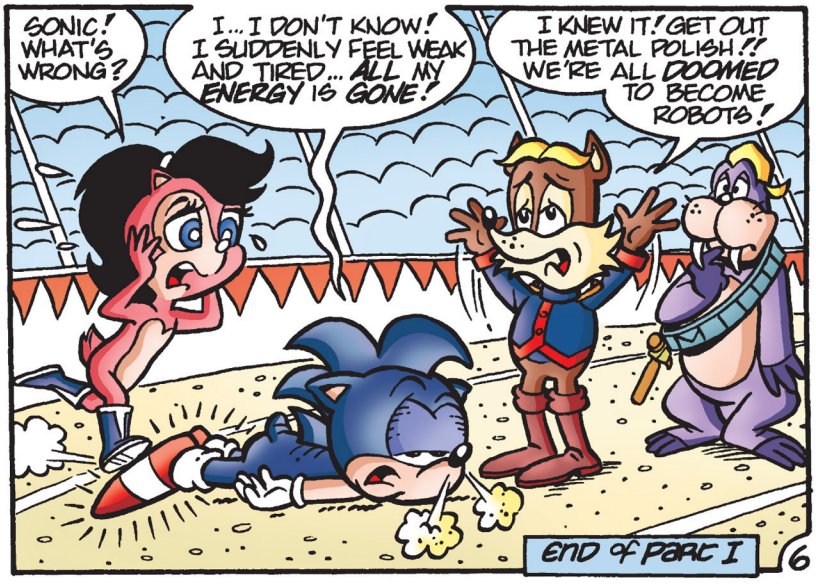

EXCELLENT! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH SONIC'S SNEAKERS?
I THREW THEM IN THE TRASH, YOUR EVILNESS!
CLINK!

YOU METALLIC MORON! I WANTED TO PUT THOSE SNEAKERS IN MY TROPHY ROOM... RIGHT NEXT TO MY NURSERY SCHOOL 'BRAT OF THE YEAR' AWARD!
CLANG!

AH! THAT FELT GOOD! AND NOW... LET THE GAMES BEGIN!


LET'S GO, SONIC!
YOU CAN DO IT, SONIC!
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENS TO US IF YOU FAIL!
CHILL, GANG! YOU'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AFTER I DO A FEW SPLIT-SECOND WARM-UP LAPS AROUND THE TRACK!
HERE I GO!

ZZUNK!


SONIC! WHAT'S WRONG?
I... I DON'T KNOW! I SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK AND TIRED... ALL MY ENERGY IS GONE!
I KNEW IT! GET OUT THE METAL POLISH!! WE'RE ALL DOOMED TO BECOME ROBOTS!
END OF PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS!"
(PART II)
HAS HAD HIS ENERGY DRAINED BY MY SNEAKY SNEAKERS!
I WILL WIN THE OLYMPICS! PREPARE THE PORTABLE ROBOT MAKING MACHINE!
SCOREBOARD
THEM - (LOSERS)
US - (WINNERS!)
YES, MASTER!
BOT ON THE SPOT
IN
OUT
HOLD ON, ROBOTNIK! IF SONIC CAN'T COMPETE, THEN ANTOINE, BOOMER AND I WILL TAKE HIS PLACE!
WE WILL?
VERY WELL, PRINCESS SALLY! I'LL ENJOY WATCHING YOU TRY TO DEFEAT MY TEAM OF EVIL AND POWERFUL BADNIKS!
GULP!
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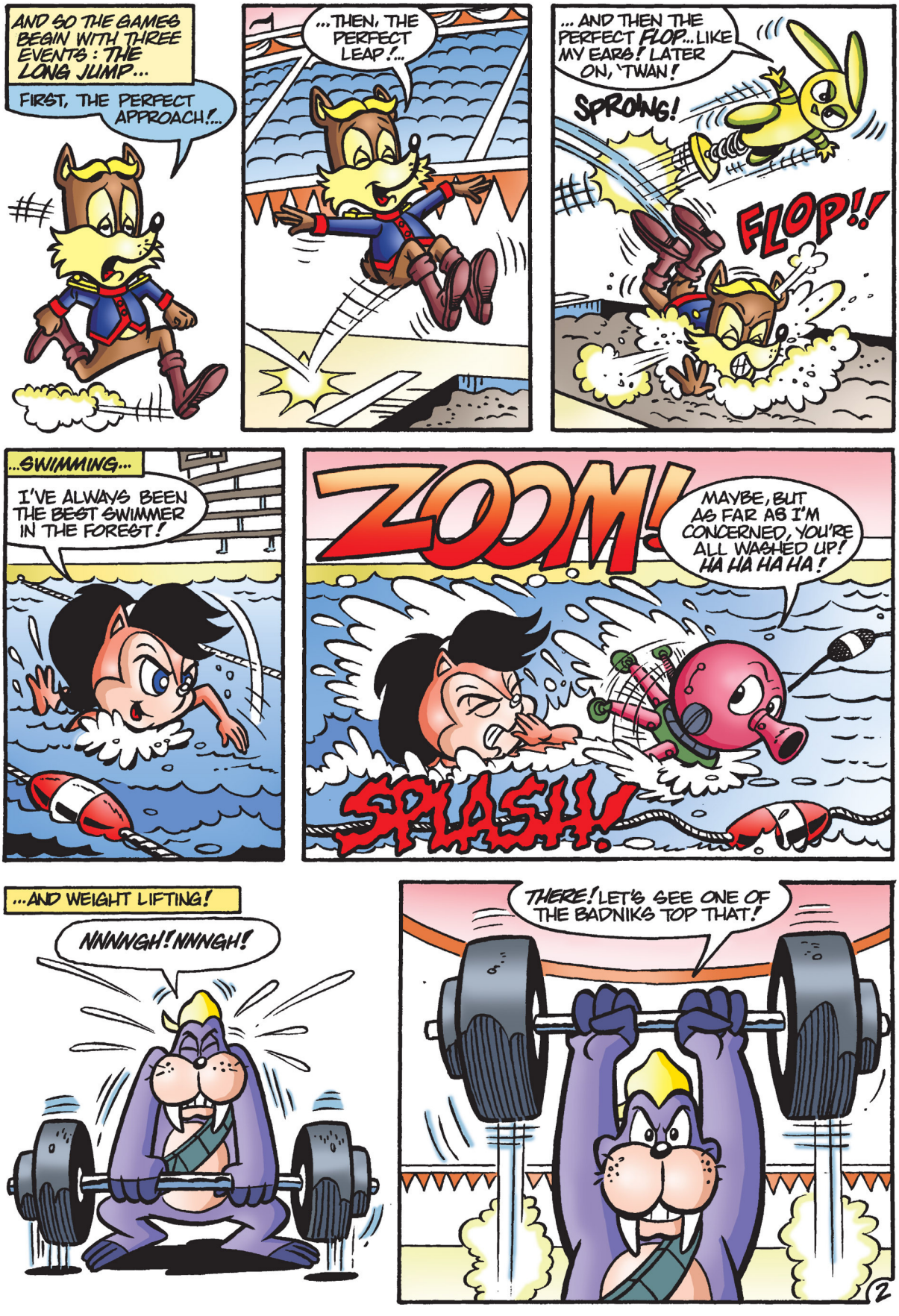
AND SO THE GAMES BEGIN WITH THREE EVENTS: THE LONG JUMP...
FIRST, THE PERFECT APPROACH!...
...THEN, THE PERFECT LEAP!...
... AND THEN THE PERFECT FLOP... LIKE MY EARS! LATER ON, 'TWAN!
SPROING!
FLOP!!
...SWIMMING...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE BEST SWIMMER IN THE FOREST!
ZOOM!
MAYBE, BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP! HA HA HA HA!
SPLASH!
...AND WEIGHT LIFTING!
NNNNGH! NNNGH!
THERE! LET'S SEE ONE OF THE BADNIKS TOP THAT!
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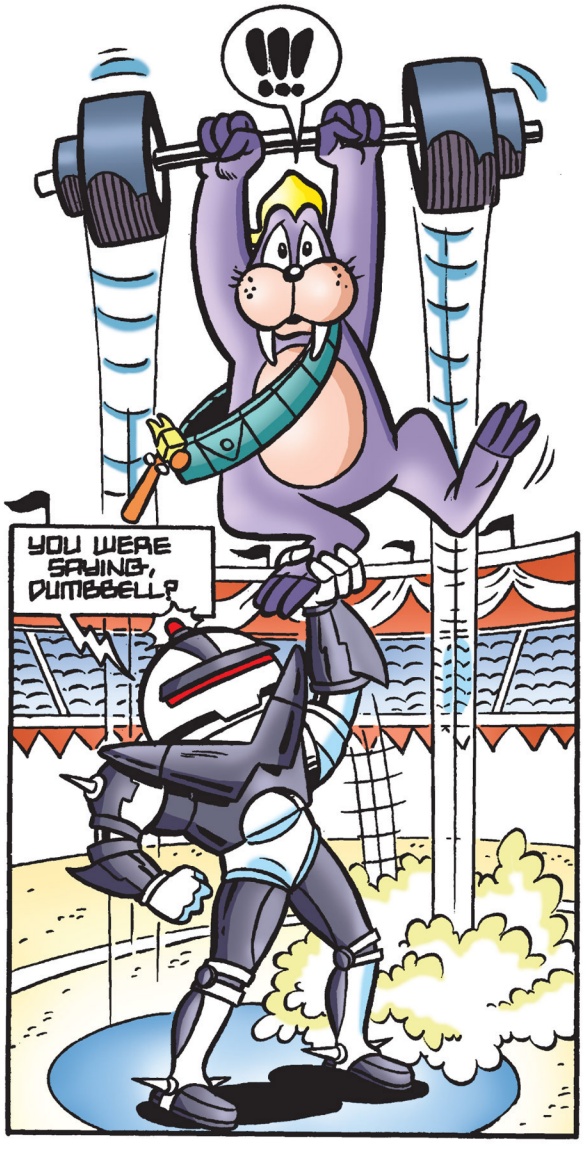
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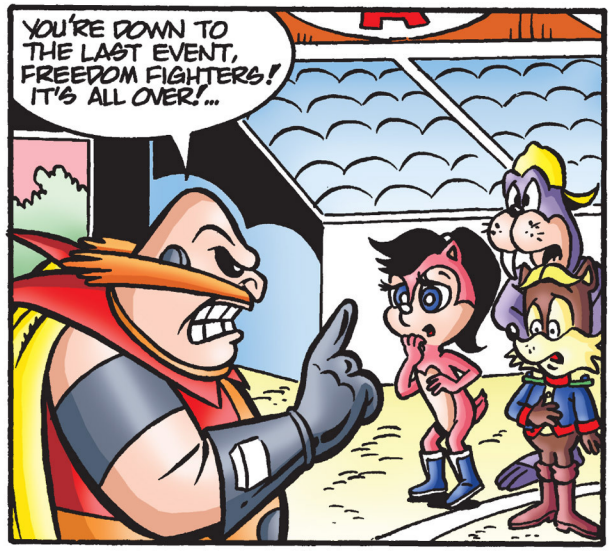
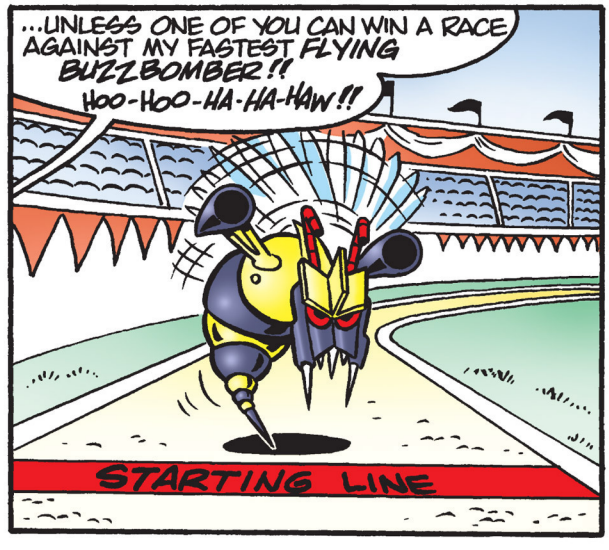
YOU WERE SAYING, DUMBBELL?


YOU'RE DOWN TO THE LAST EVENT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IT'S ALL OVER!...


...UNLESS ONE OF YOU CAN WIN A RACE AGAINST MY FASTEST FLYING BUZZBOMBER!! HOO-HOO-HA-HA-HAW!!
STARTING LINE

MEANWHILE...
I JUST NEED A FEW MORE PIECES OF SCRAP METAL FOR MY SCULPTURE!
Robotropolis JUNKYARD

YOW! THOSE ARE SONIC'S SNEAKERS! BUT HOW DID THEY GET HERE?
OIL
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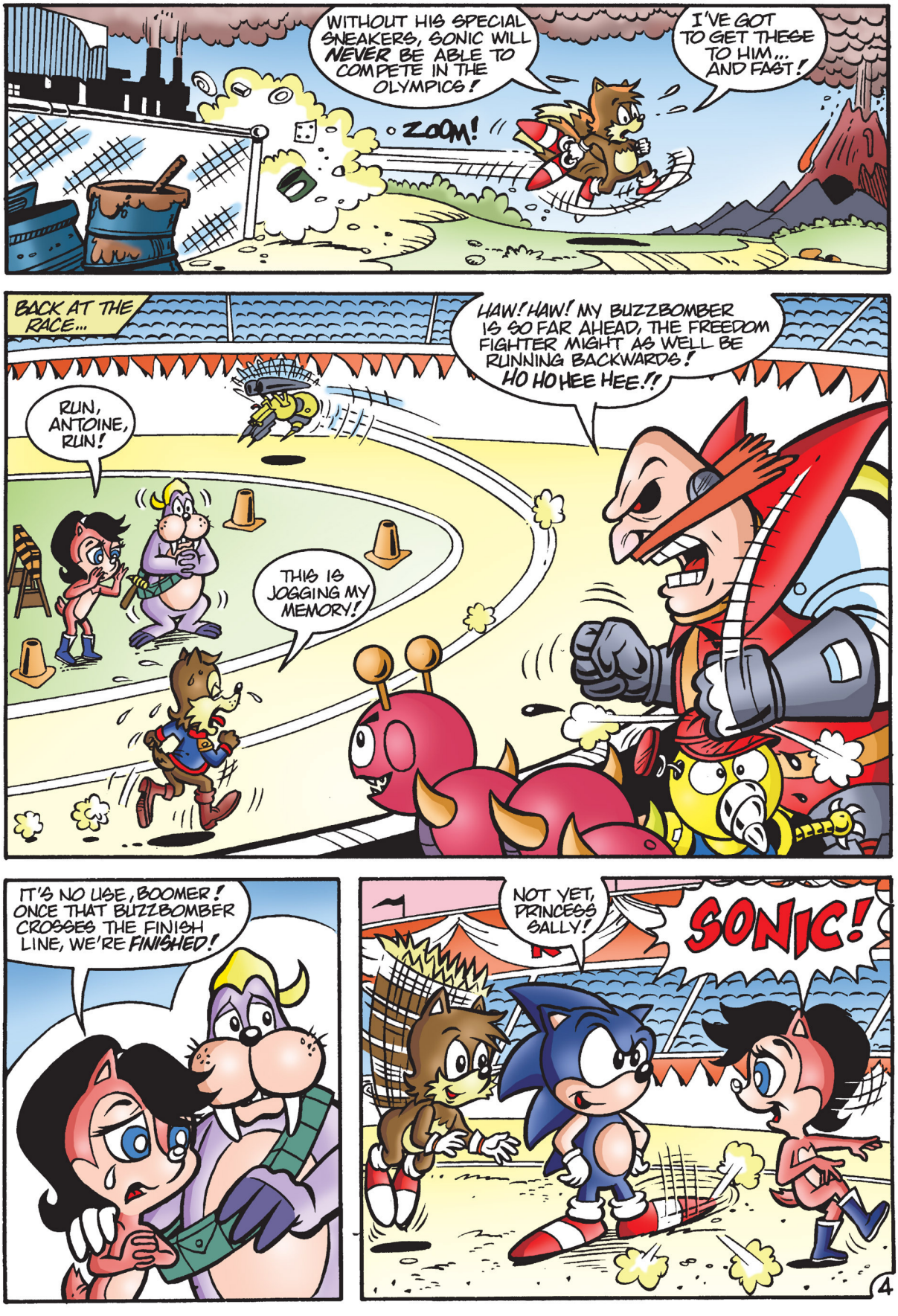
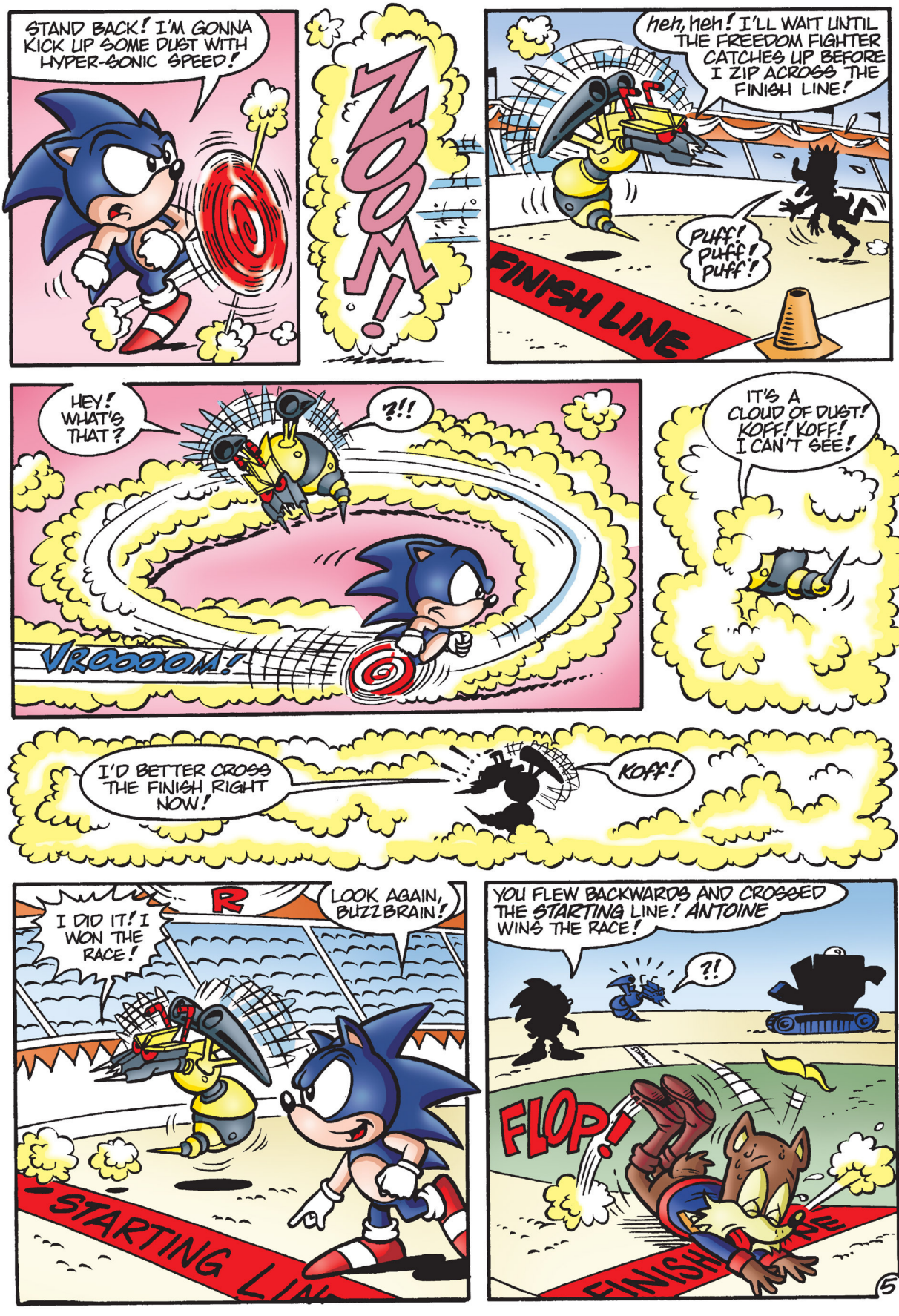

WITHOUT HIS SPECIAL SNEAKERS, SONIC WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS!
I'VE GOT TO GET THESE TO HIM... AND FAST!
ZOOM!
BACK AT THE RACE...
HAW! HAW! MY BUZZBOMBER IS SO FAR AHEAD, THE FREEDOM FIGHTER MIGHT AS WELL BE RUNNING BACKWARDS! HO HO HEE HEE!!
RUN, ANTOINE, RUN!
THIS IS JOGGING MY MEMORY!
IT'S NO USE, BOOMER! ONCE THAT BUZZBOMBER CROSSES THE FINISH LINE, WE'RE FINISHED!
NOT YET, PRINCESS SALLY!
SONIC!


STAND BACK! I'M GONNA KICK UP SOME DUST WITH HYPER-SONIC SPEED!
ZOOM!
Heh, heh! I'LL WAIT UNTIL THE FREEDOM FIGHTER CATCHES UP BEFORE I ZIP ACROSS THE FINISH LINE!
PUFF! PUFF! PUFF!
FINISH LINE
HEY! WHAT'S THAT?
?!!
VROOOOM!
IT'S A CLOUD OF DUST! KOFF! KOFF! I CAN'T SEE!
I'D BETTER CROSS THE FINISH RIGHT NOW!
KOFF!
I DID IT! I WON THE RACE!
LOOK AGAIN, BUZZBRAIN!
STARTING LINE
YOU FLEW BACKWARDS AND CROSSED THE STARTING LINE! ANTOINE WINS THE RACE!
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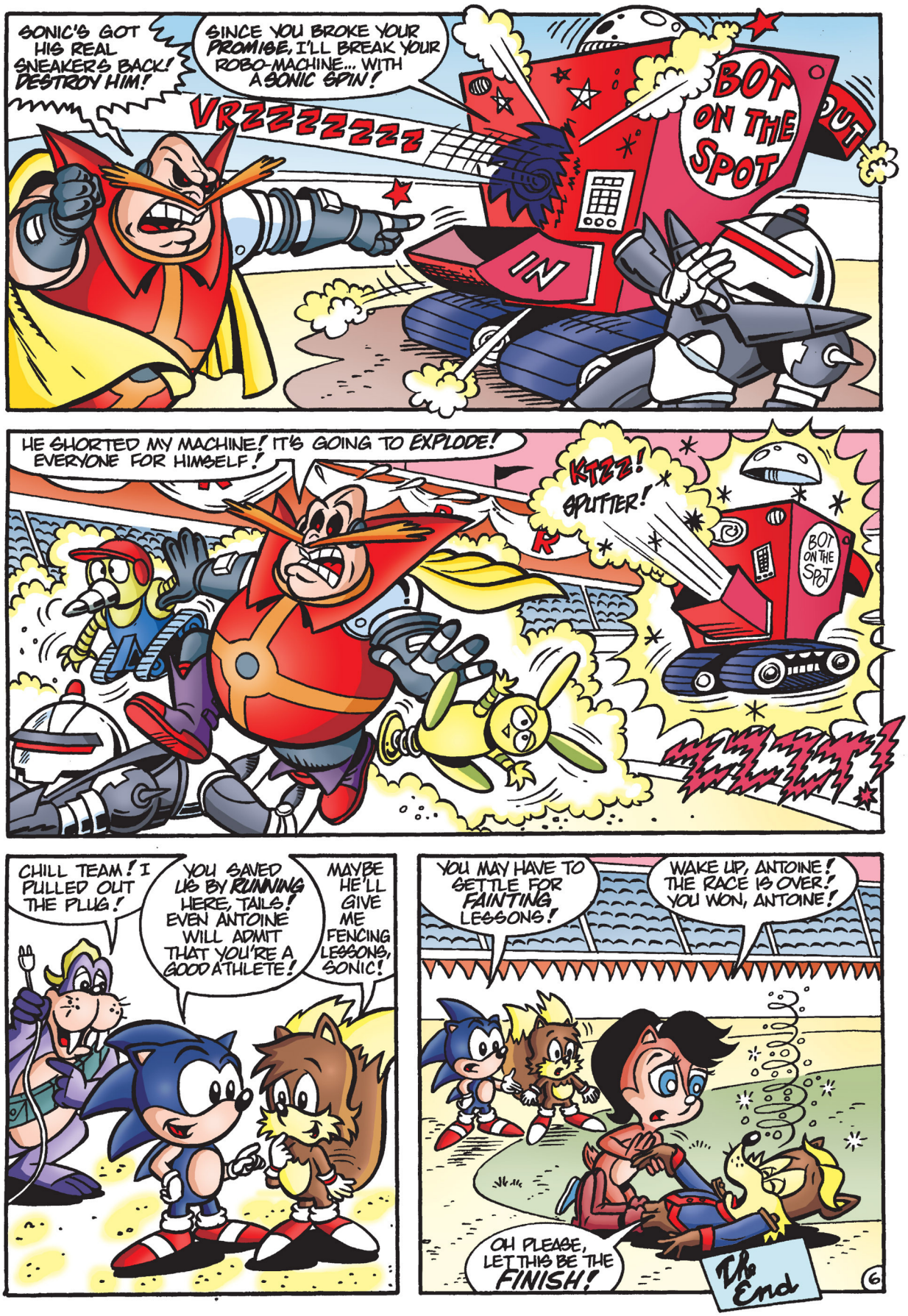
FLOP!
FINISH LINE


SONIC'S GOT HIS REAL SNEAKERS BACK! DESTROY HIM!
SINCE YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE, I'LL BREAK YOUR ROBO-MACHINE... WITH A SONIC SPIN!
VRZZZZZZZ
BOT ON THE SPOT
OUT
IN
HE SHORTED MY MACHINE! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE! EVERYONE FOR HIMSELF!
KTZZ!
SPUTTER!
BOT ON THE SPOT
CHILL TEAM! I PULLED OUT THE PLUG!
YOU SAVED US BY RUNNING HERE, TAILS! EVEN ANTOINE WILL ADMIT THAT YOU'RE A GOOD ATHLETE!
MAYBE HE'LL GIVE ME FENCING LESSONS, SONIC!
YOU MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR FAINTING LESSONS!
WAKE UP, ANTOINE! THE RACE IS OVER! YOU WON, ANTOINE!
OH PLEASE, LET THIS BE THE FINISH!
The End
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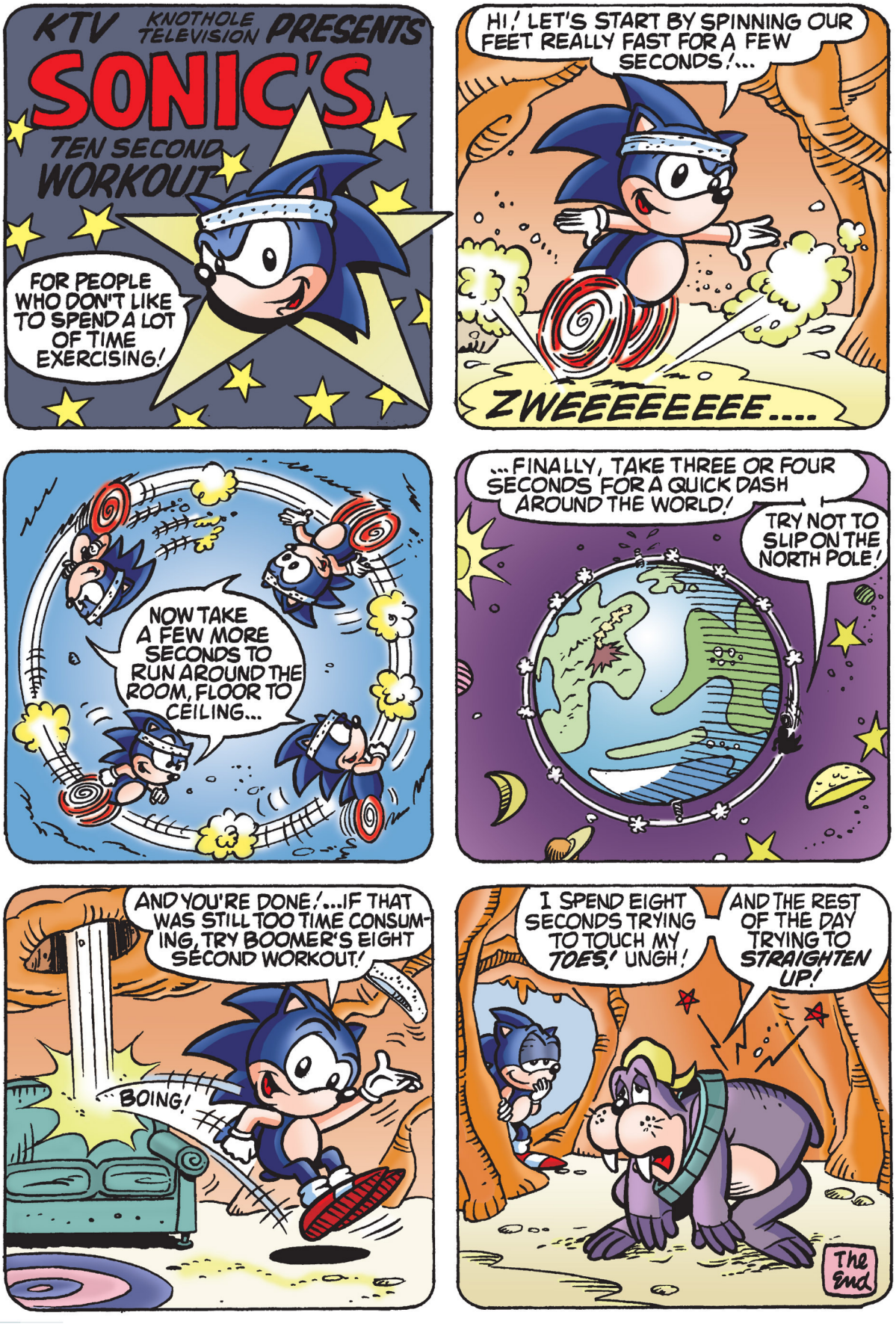
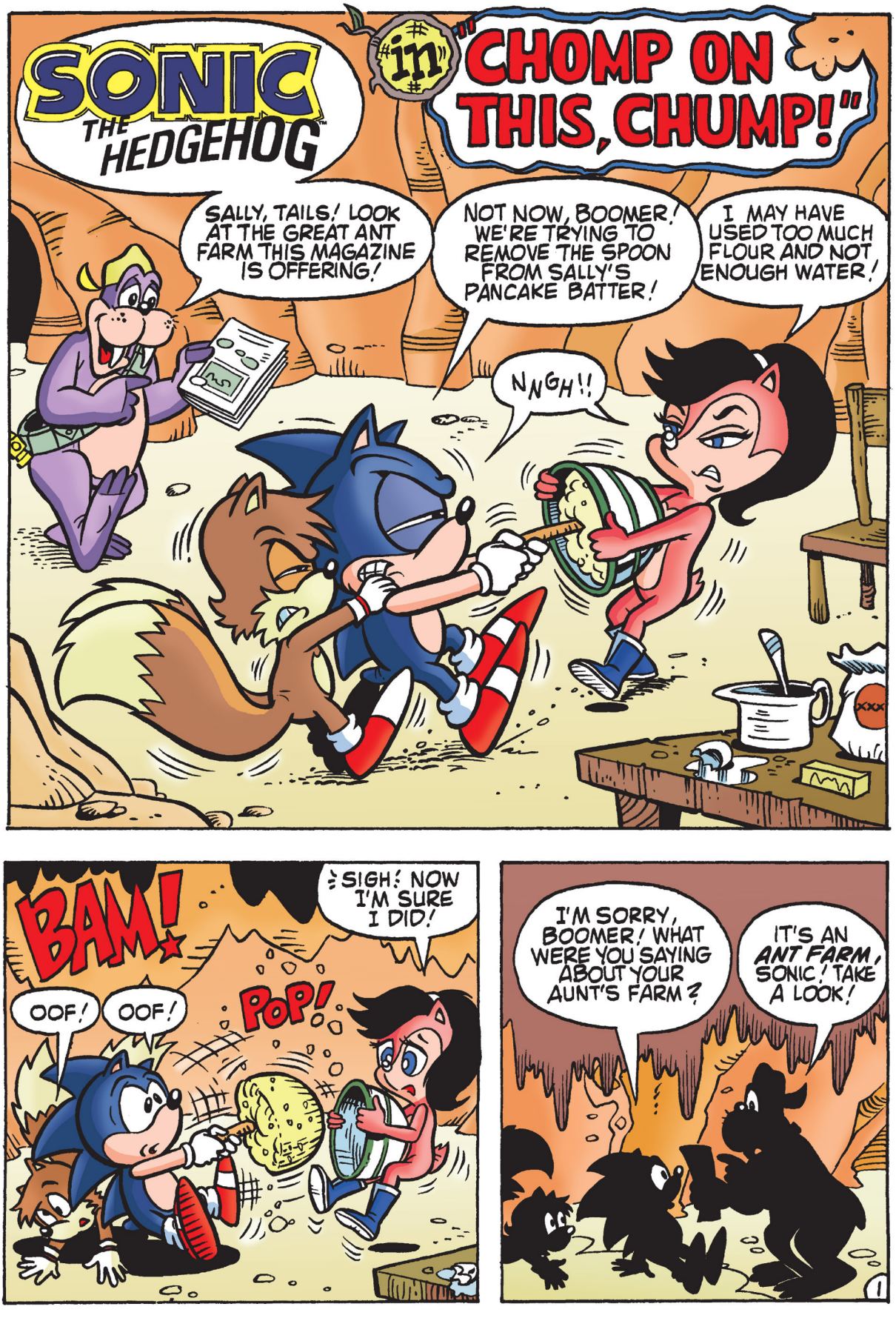
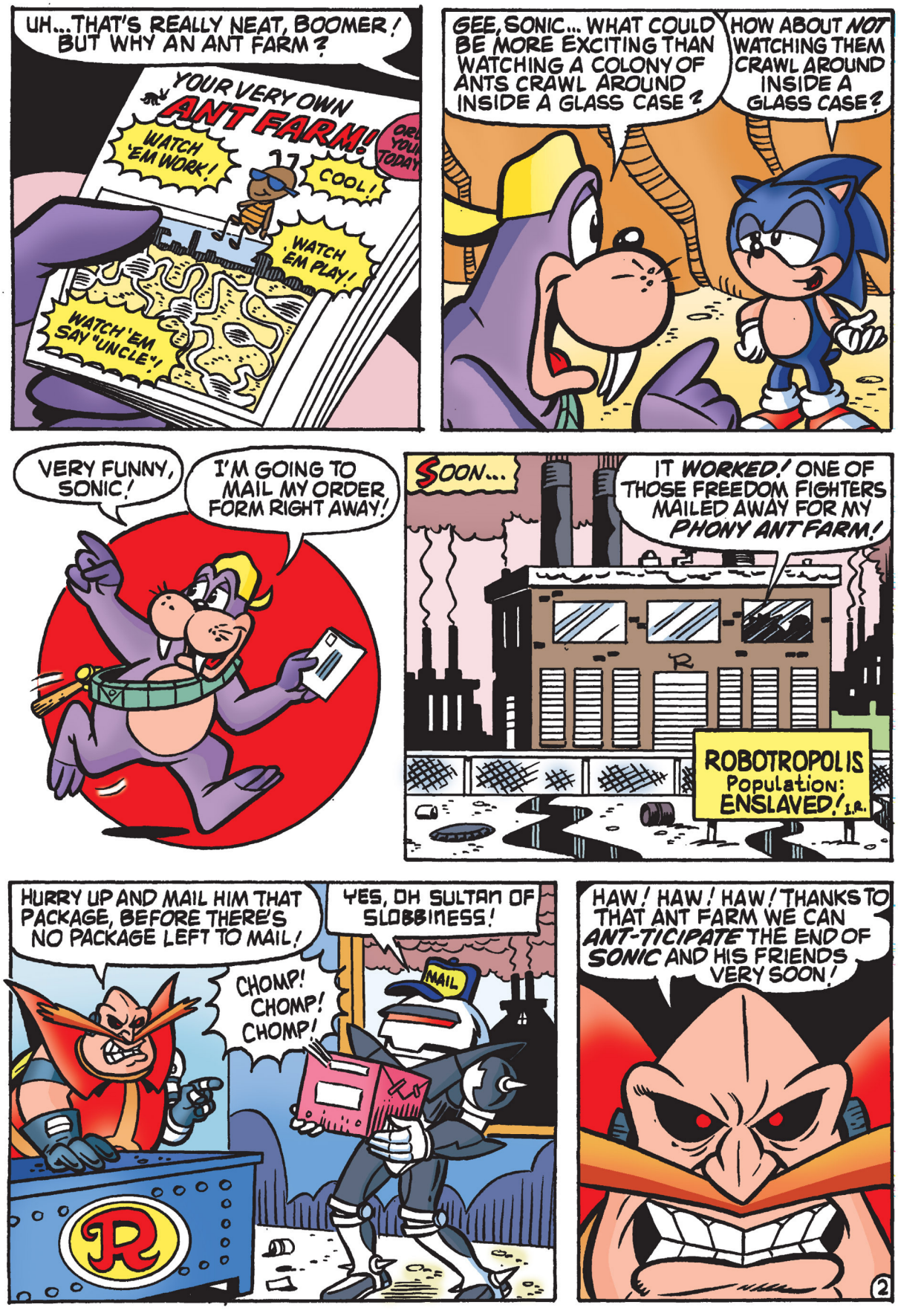

KTV KNOTHOLE TELEVISION PRESENTS
SONIC'S
TEN SECOND WORKOUT
FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME EXERCISING!
HI! LET'S START BY SPINNING OUR FEET REALLY FAST FOR A FEW SECONDS!...
ZWEEEEEEEE....
NOW TAKE A FEW MORE SECONDS TO RUN AROUND THE ROOM, FLOOR TO CEILING...
...FINALLY, TAKE THREE OR FOUR SECONDS FOR A QUICK DASH AROUND THE WORLD!
TRY NOT TO SLIP ON THE NORTH POLE!
AND YOU'RE DONE!...IF THAT WAS STILL TOO TIME CONSUMING, TRY BOOMER'S EIGHT SECOND WORKOUT!
BOING!
I SPEND EIGHT SECONDS TRYING TO TOUCH MY TOES! UNGH!
AND THE REST OF THE DAY TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN UP!
The End


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
#in "CHOMP ON THIS, CHUMP!"
SALLY, TAILS! LOOK AT THE GREAT ANT FARM THIS MAGAZINE IS OFFERING!
NOT NOW, BOOMER! WE'RE TRYING TO REMOVE THE SPOON FROM SALLY'S PANCAKE BATTER!
I MAY HAVE USED TOO MUCH FLOUR AND NOT ENOUGH WATER!
NNGH!!
BAM!
OOF!
OOF!
POP!
SIGH! NOW I'M SURE I DID!
I'M SORRY, BOOMER! WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT YOUR AUNT'S FARM?
IT'S AN ANT FARM, SONIC! TAKE A LOOK!


UH...THAT'S REALLY NEAT, BOOMER! BUT WHY AN ANT FARM?
YOUR VERY OWN ANT FARM!
WATCH 'EM WORK!
COOL!
WATCH 'EM PLAY!
WATCH 'EM SAY "UNCLE"!
GEE, SONIC... WHAT COULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN WATCHING A COLONY OF ANTS CRAWL AROUND INSIDE A GLASS CASE?
HOW ABOUT NOT WATCHING THEM CRAWL AROUND INSIDE A GLASS CASE?
VERY FUNNY, SONIC!
I'M GOING TO MAIL MY ORDER FORM RIGHT AWAY!
SOON...
IT WORKED! ONE OF THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS MAILED AWAY FOR MY PHONY ANT FARM!
ROBOTROPOLIS Population: ENSLAVED! I.R.
HURRY UP AND MAIL HIM THAT PACKAGE, BEFORE THERE'S NO PACKAGE LEFT TO MAIL!
YES, OH SULTAN OF SLOBBINESS!
CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!
MAIL
HAW! HAW! HAW! THANKS TO THAT ANT FARM WE CAN ANT-TICIPATE THE END OF SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS VERY SOON!
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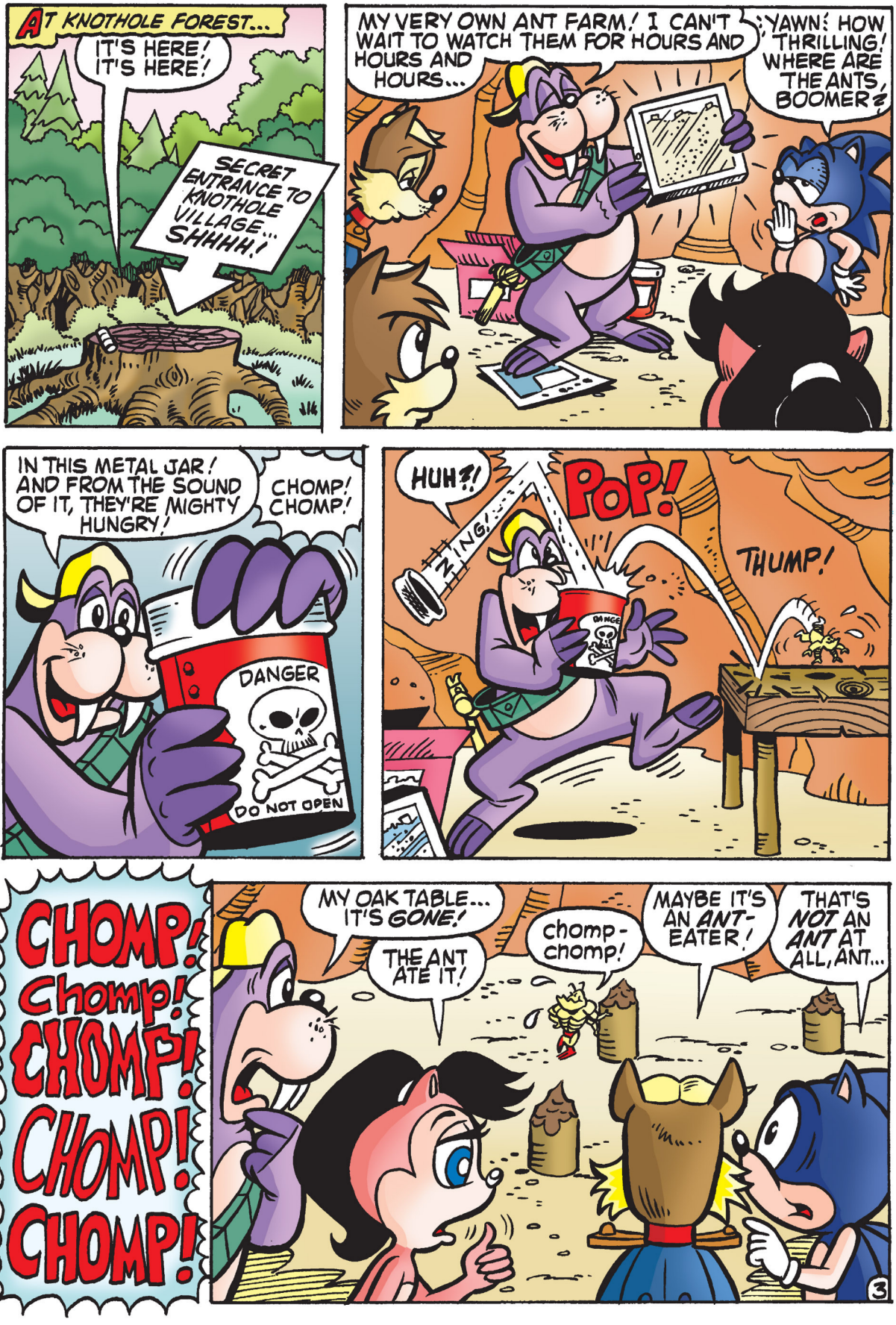
AT KNOTHOLE FOREST...
IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE!
SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE... SHHHH!
MY VERY OWN ANT FARM! I CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH THEM FOR HOURS AND HOURS AND HOURS...
YAWN! HOW THRILLING! WHERE ARE THE ANTS, BOOMER?
IN THIS METAL JAR! AND FROM THE SOUND OF IT, THEY'RE MIGHTY HUNGRY!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
DANGER
DO NOT OPEN
HUH?!
ZING!
POP!
THUMP!
CHOMP! Chomp! CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!
MY OAK TABLE... IT'S GONE!
THE ANT ATE IT!
chomp-chomp!
MAYBE IT'S AN ANT-EATER!
THAT'S NOT AN ANT AT ALL, ANT...
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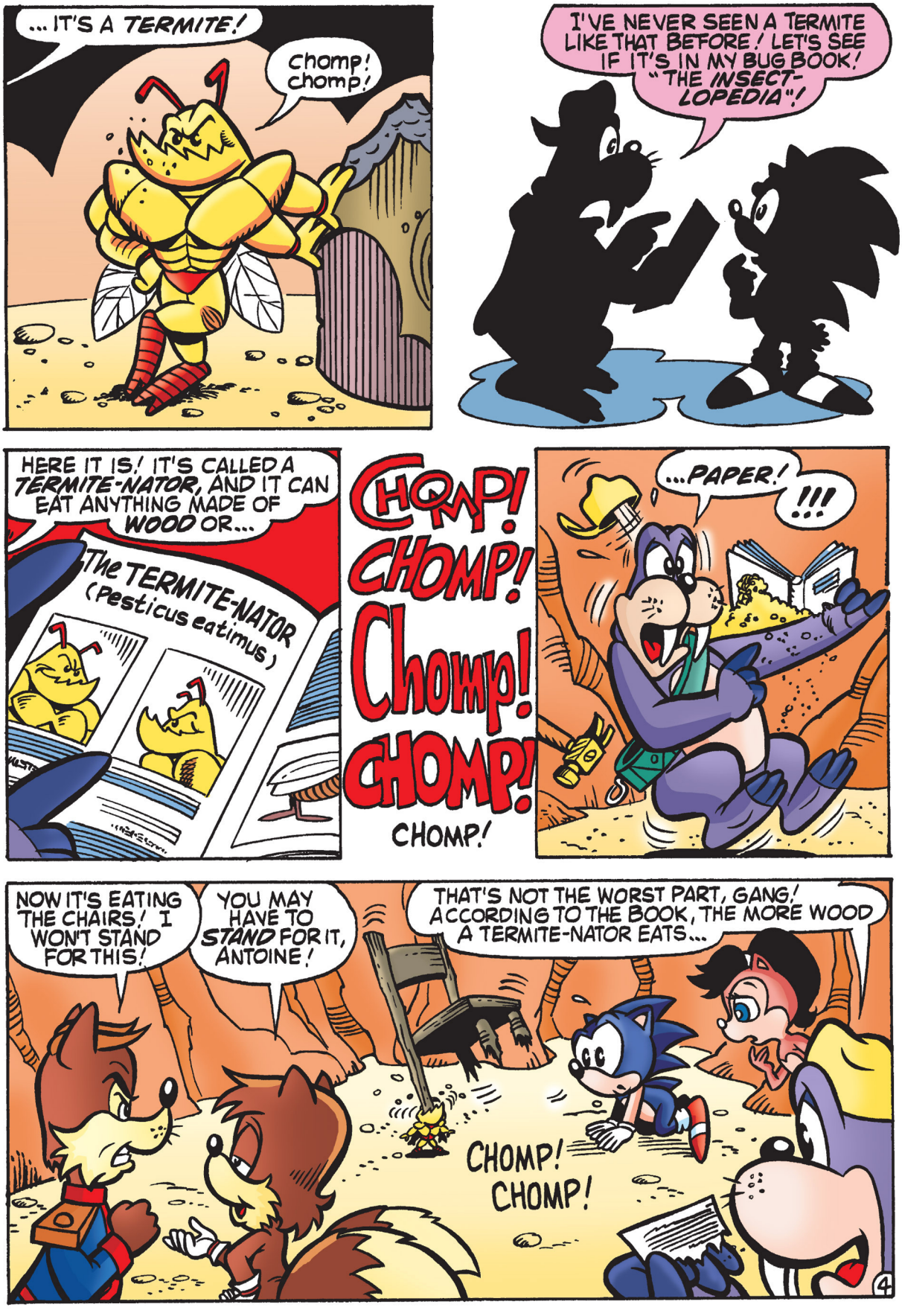
...IT'S A TERMITE!
chomp! chomp!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A TERMITE LIKE THAT BEFORE! LET'S SEE IF IT'S IN MY BUG BOOK! "THE INSECT-LOPEDIA"!
HERE IT IS! IT'S CALLED A TERMITE-NATOR, AND IT CAN EAT ANYTHING MADE OF WOOD OR...
The TERMITE-NATOR (Pesticus eatimus)
CHOMP! CHOMP! Chomp! CHOMP!
CHOMP!
...PAPER!
!!!
NOW IT'S EATING THE CHAIRS! I WON'T STAND FOR THIS!
YOU MAY HAVE TO STAND FOR IT, ANTOINE!
THAT'S NOT THE WORST PART, GANG! ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, THE MORE WOOD A TERMITE-NATOR EATS...
CHOMP! CHOMP!
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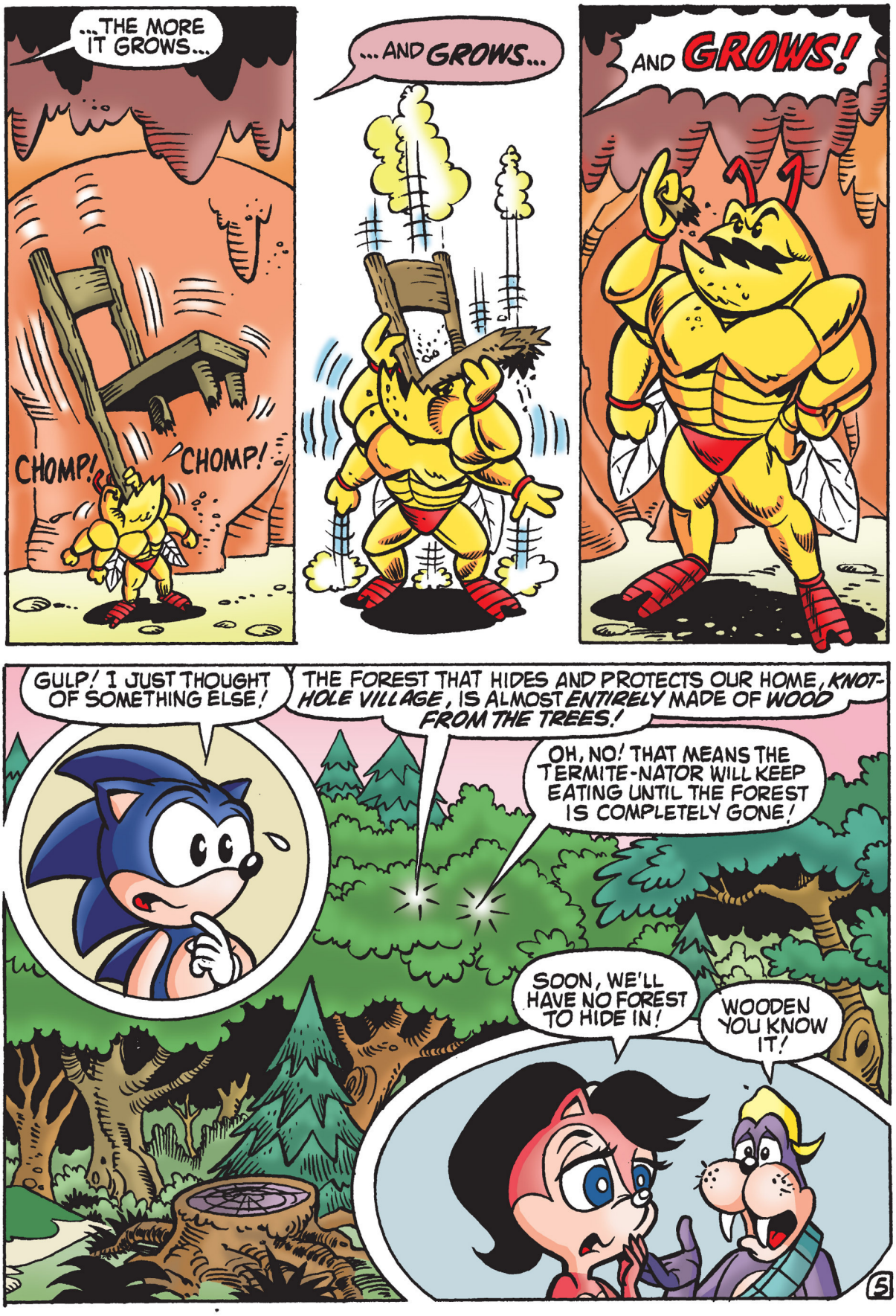
...THE MORE IT GROWS...
CHOMP!
CHOMP!
...AND GROWS...
AND GROWS!
GULP! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING ELSE!
THE FOREST THAT HIDES AND PROTECTS OUR HOME, KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE, IS ALMOST ENTIRELY MADE OF WOOD FROM THE TREES!
OH, NO! THAT MEANS THE TERMITE-NATOR WILL KEEP EATING UNTIL THE FOREST IS COMPLETELY GONE!
SOON, WE'LL HAVE NO FOREST TO HIDE IN!
WOODEN YOU KNOW IT!
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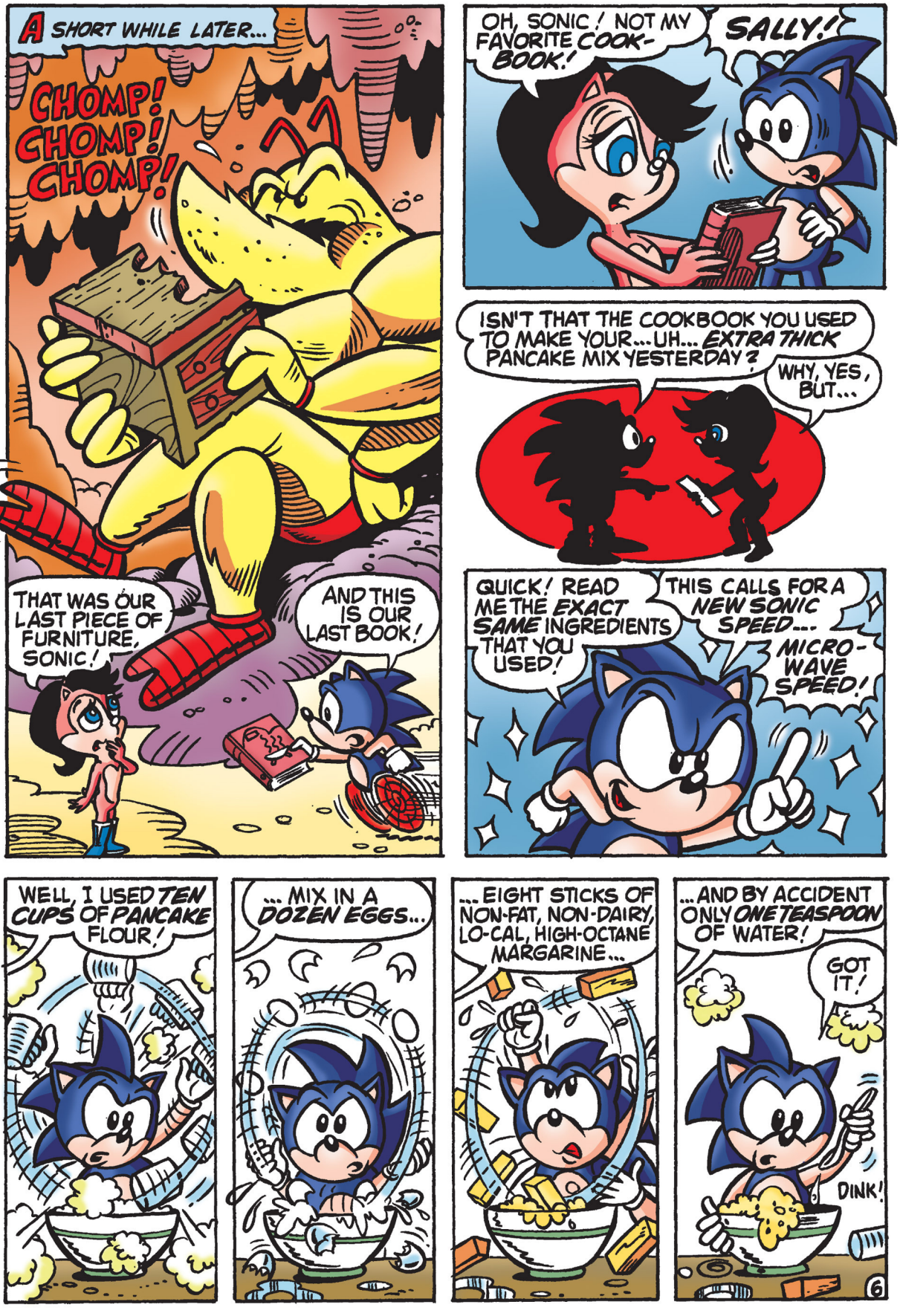
A SHORT WHILE LATER...
CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!
THAT WAS OUR LAST PIECE OF FURNITURE, SONIC!
AND THIS IS OUR LAST BOOK!
OH, SONIC! NOT MY FAVORITE COOK-BOOK!
SALLY!
ISN'T THAT THE COOKBOOK YOU USED TO MAKE YOUR... UH... EXTRA THICK PANCAKE MIX YESTERDAY?
WHY, YES, BUT...
QUICK! READ ME THE EXACT SAME INGREDIENTS THAT YOU USED!
THIS CALLS FOR A NEW SONIC SPEED...
MICRO-WAVE SPEED!
WELL, I USED TEN CUPS OF PANCAKE FLOUR!
... MIX IN A DOZEN EGGS...
... EIGHT STICKS OF NON-FAT, NON-DAIRY, LO-CAL, HIGH-OCTANE MARGARINE...
...AND BY ACCIDENT ONLY ONE TEASPOON OF WATER!
GOT IT!
DINK!
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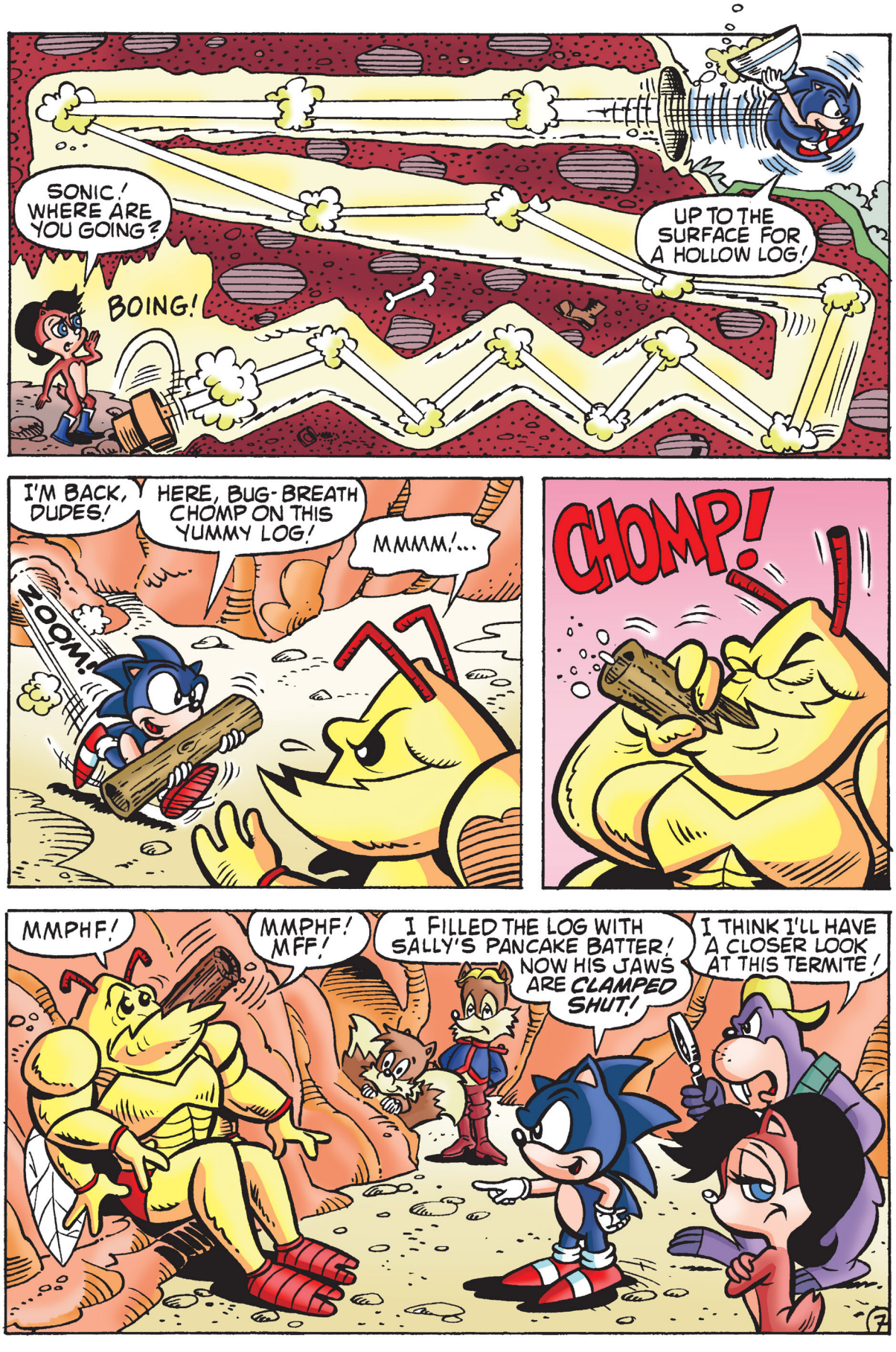
SONIC! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BOING!
UP TO THE SURFACE FOR A HOLLOW LOG!
I'M BACK, DUDES!
HERE, BUG-BREATH CHOMP ON THIS YUMMY LOG!
MMMM!...
ZOOM!
CHOMP!
MMPHF!
MMPHF! MFF!
I FILLED THE LOG WITH SALLY'S PANCAKE BATTER! NOW HIS JAWS ARE CLAMPED SHUT!
I THINK I'LL HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS TERMITE!

"MADE IN ROBOTROPOLIS"?! THIS TERMITE IS A ROBOT, BUILT BY ROBOTNIK! I THINK I'LL ADJUST ITS WIRES A BIT!
MAD
ROBO
PE IN
TROPOLIS
NEXT DAY...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! MY TERMITE-NATOR ROBOT SHOULD'VE DEVOURED THE ENTIRE FOREST BY NOW!
ROBOTNIK, inc.
A LARGE WOODEN CRATE ARRIVED FOR YOU, MASTER!
FOR ME? HURRY AND OPEN IT, HARDWARE HEAD! PERHAPS IT'S A PRESENT!
TO: ROBOTNIK
I'VE NEVER HAD A PRESENT BEFORE, ONLY HATE MAIL AND...
EEP!
ZIP!
LATER...
MORE METAL! FEED HIM MORE METAL BEFORE HE EATS US ALL!!!
MUNCH!
MUNCH!
BOOMER TURNED ROBOTNIK'S BUG INTO A METAL-MUNCHER! ISN'T THAT IRON-IC?
The End
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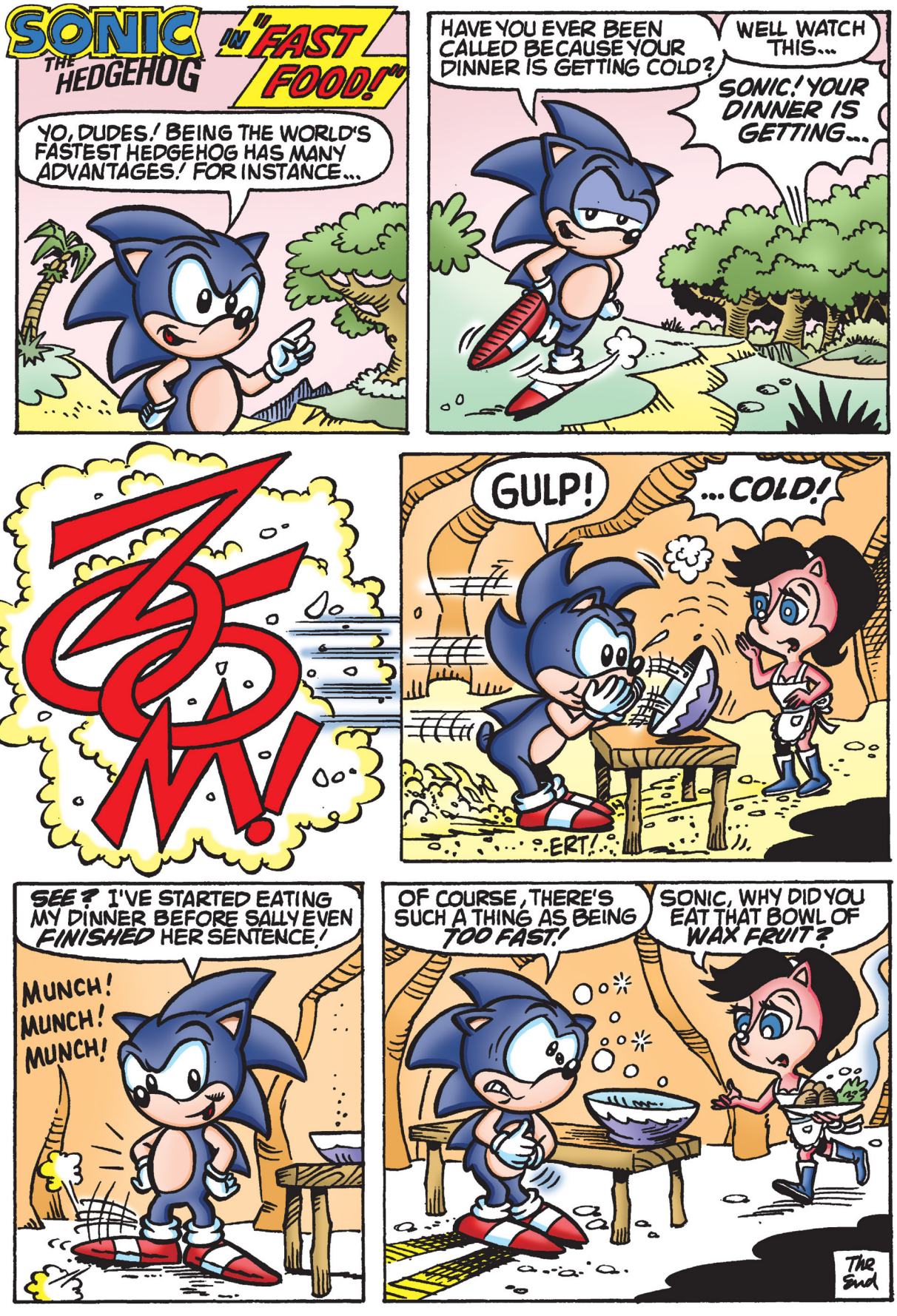
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "FAST FOOD!"
YO, DUDES! BEING THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG HAS MANY ADVANTAGES! FOR INSTANCE...
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED BECAUSE YOUR DINNER IS GETTING COLD?
WELL WATCH THIS...
SONIC! YOUR DINNER IS GETTING...
ZOOM!
GULP!
...COLD!
ERT!
SEE? I'VE STARTED EATING MY DINNER BEFORE SALLY EVEN FINISHED HER SENTENCE!
MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!
OF COURSE, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO FAST!
SONIC, WHY DID YOU EAT THAT BOWL OF WAX FRUIT?
THE END